

Act of 2019”; H.R. 5374, the “Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 5428, the “Grid Modernization Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5760, the “Grid Security Research and Development Act”. H.R. 2986, H.R. 4230, H.R. 5374, H.R. 5428, and H.R. 5760 were ordered reported, as amended.

CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEE-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Benefits of Employee-owned Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANIMALS IN DISASTERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Animals in Disasters”. Testimony was heard from R. Douglas Meckes, State Veterinarian, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Teresa MacPherson, Canine Search Specialist, Fire and Rescue Department/Virginia Task Force 1, Fairfax County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

DATA PRIVACY AND PORTABILITY AT VA: PROTECTING VETERANS’ PERSONAL DATA

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Data Privacy and Portability at VA: Protecting Veterans’ Personal Data”. Testimony was heard from Paul Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Security, Chief Information Security Officer, and Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISSION CRITICAL: EXAMINING PROVIDER RELATIONS DURING THE TRANSITION TO VA’S NEW COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Mission Critical: Examining Provider Relations During the Transition to VA’s New Community Care Program”. Testimony was heard from Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5821, the “HOSPICE Act”; H.R.

5825, the “Transparency in Health Care Investments Act of 2020”; and H.R. 5826, the “Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act”. H.R. 5821, H.R. 5825, and H.R. 5826 were ordered reported, as amended.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY: POSTURING THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR SUCCESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research held a hearing entitled “Emerging Technologies and National Security: Posturing the U.S. Intelligence Community for Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Northern Command and United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Youth Bulge in Africa: Considerations for US Policy”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Protecting Federal Judiciary Employees from Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Other Workplace Misconduct”, 8:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 68, Iran War Powers, and vote on or in relation to amendments to the joint resolution at 10:30 a.m. Senate will vote on passage of the joint resolution at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, February 13

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Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 79—Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

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